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For: OPTICAL COUPLER FOR COUPLING AN  
OPTICAL FIBER INTO A WAVEGUIDE

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INSUFFICIENT FEES**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Insufficient Fees mailed November 3, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) for this application.

Page 4 of the IPRP indicates that requirements for Novelty, Inventive Step, and Industrial Applicability of the invention have been satisfied under PCT Article 33.

Therefore applicants submit that no examination or search fee is required for this National Stage application.

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